

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on February 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 12, 2/6/2017
Executive Action: HB 269 & SB 32

HEARING ON SB 12

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:57 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 12, Update the PSC's role in reviewing net metering standards.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:53 David Hoffman, North Western Energy (NWE)
00:19:46 Gary Forrester, Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU)

Opponents' Testimony:

EXHIBIT(feh30a01)

Informational Testimony:

00:20:24 Jennifer Hill-Hart, Public Service Commission (PSC)
00:20:50 Bob Decker, Public Service Commission (PSC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:16 Vice Chair Skees
00:21:46 Sen. Connell
00:24:01 Chair Zolnikov
00:24:56 Jennifer Hill-Hart, PSC
00:25:31 Rep. Olsen
00:25:56 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Service Division

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:43 Sen. Connell

00:29:17 Chair Zolnikov

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 269

00:30:36 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 269 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:30:59 Vice Chair Hayman

00:31:18 Rep. C. Knudsen joins meeting
00:31:29 Rep. McConnell joins meeting

00:32:04 Rep. McConnell
00:33:24 Vice Chair Skees

00:35:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-13 by roll call vote with Rep. O'Hara, Rep. Rosendale and Rep. Zolnikov voting aye. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

00:35:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 269 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 32

00:35:54 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **SB 32 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:36:09 Rep. Redfield

00:36:24 Vice Chair Hayman

00:37:05 Vice Chair Skees

00:37:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy. Rep. Skees will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:39:00

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh30aad.pdf](#))